Public School Opening Set August 29 In County

Appomattox County Public Schools will open on Monday, August 29th for the 1977-78 session.

Information on student fees, registration and opening day procedures is provided to assist parents and students in their plans for another school session.

STUDENT FEES All schools will open on August 25 and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at which time parents may come to the schools to pay fees. Fees approved by the Appomattox County School Board are as follows:

Grades K - 6: weekly reader, $1.10; accident insurance, $4.50 materials fee, $4.50; textbook rental, $9.00 K-2 and $10.00 for 3 - 6.

Grades 7 - 8: FFA 7th grade, $3.50; FFA 8th Grade, $4.50; FHA, $2.75; towel service, $3.50; band supply, $3.00; physical education uniforms, girls - $6.50, boys - $3.50; materials fee, $4.00; accident insurance, $4.50; textbook rental, $10.00.

Grades 9 - 12: textbook rental, $3.50 per subject; library and supply fee, $1.50; SCA, $1.00; class fees, $1.00; accident insurance, $4.50; art, $1.50; band supply, $4.00; band instrument rental, $10.00; distributive education, $5.00; Vo-Ag, $5.00; home economics, $4.00; physical education supply, $2.00; physical education uniforms, girls, $8.00, boys, $5.00; towel service, $3.50; typing supplies, $3.50; clerical-steno supplies, $3.50; each trade and industrial class, $5.00; chemistry lab book, $5.00.

OPENING DAY PROCEDURES - Mr. Donald Armentrout, Appomattox County High School Principal, requests students to check the local paper for homeroom assignments. On August 29, students shall report to the cafeteria. At that time student guides will assist you in finding your homeroom. Those students who do not know their homeroom assignment will receive this information in the cafeteria. Once students have reported to assigned homerooms, teachers will provide student schedules.

Students who drive to school are asked to park on the north parking lot.

According to Mrs. Hesterine Foster, Appomattox Middle School Principal, students will go to the cafeteria upon arrival at school. The SCA will provide guides to help students locate the cafeteria and homerooms. Homeroom rolls will be posted on classroom doors. Students will receive their class schedule from their homeroom teachers.

The SCA will provide guided tours of the school building to all seventh graders on Thursday August 25 and Friday, August 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. On these days all students are urged to pay their fees and pick up their class schedule and homeroom assignments.

Mrs. Barbara Waddell, Pamplin Elementary School Principal, states that all kindergarten students will be met at the buses by adults and will be directed to their classrooms. Parents are requested to see that name tag showing child's name and bus number be pinned to each kindergarten student.

The principal at Appomattox Elementary School, Mr. Robert Williamson, has arranged for students, upon arrival at the elementary school, to be greeted by teachers, parent volunteers, and student guides. These persons will place a name tag on each student with the number of the student's bus. They will also direct each student to his respective homeroom. Class rolls will be posted on the doors of homeroom teachers.

Mrs. Patricia Torrence, Appomattox Primary School Principal, states that teacher aides and parent volunteers will meet students as they arrive on buses, pin the bus number on each student & direct the students to their respective classrooms. Parents are requested to pin the name on the dress or shirt of each student to help with identification.

Parents are requested to send their children to school on the bus the first day, especially primary and elementary pupils. This will enable the teachers to direct the pupils to the correct bus in the afternoon for the return trip home.

Parents can expect their children to bring home certain forms which you are requested to fill out and return to the school. It is necessary to have this information on file in the school office for each pupil.

Parents who have moved into the county during the summer who have children who will attend school this fall should go to the appropriate school or schools to register. The schools in the county and telephone numbers are: Pamplin Elementary School, 248-6108; Appomattox County High School, 352-7146; Appomattox Middle School, 352-8257; Appomattox Elementary School, 352-7463; and Appomattox Primary School, 352-5766.

All principals urge you to give them your cooperation regarding opening day procedures. The staffs are concerned about the safety and welfare of students as they make the trip to and from school each day, as well as the hours spent in school.

React Reports Calls

Jan. 1, 1977 - June 30, 1977

We are very proud of our react team #3007 to have monitored 1091 hours during the period Jan. 1, 1977 - June 30, 1977. During this period we took 141 calls that needed our assistance. This is a list of the types of calls the react has taken.

Road Related Incidents

Accidents 28; Stalled or Abandoned Vehicle 26; Hazard Obstruction or Traffic Hazard 15; Major Traffic Jam 1; Traffic Control Malfunction 2; Reckless or Drunk Driver 11; Request for Road Information 6; Vehicle Fire 0. Toal Road Related 88.

Other Incidents

Crime Report 2; Flood 1; Missing Person 4; Non-Vehicle Fire 4; Relay Personal Call 14; Vandalism 2; Other 26. Total Non-Road Related 53. Total All Calls 141.

If anyone is interested in more information about the Central Virginia React please come to our next meeting at Maudes Restaurant Sept. 6, 1977 at 6:30 p.m. We will have our meeting & dinner. If you can't come to our meeting you can call Thelma Goin 352-8610, or call Elsie Burrell 352-8014. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

OAKVILLE

Dr. and Mrs. Bob Davis and daughters, Joy and Lori were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hughes on Wednesday August 10th.

Red Oak Baptist Church enjoyed a fellowship supper on Friday, August 12th with Dr. and Mrs. Bob Davis and family as special guests.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hunter visited in the home of Mr. Garland Hunter and Mrs. Virginia Ragland Sunday. Also visiting in this home were Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor who served homemade ice cream in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Drinkard, Mark, Scott and Jeff ate Sunday dinner with Mrs. M. W. Drinkard.

David Irby spent Monday night with his grandmother, Mrs. M. W. Drinkard.

Mrs. Thelma Thornhill visited Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lucado.

Mrs. Nevills Moore is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Newman were dinner guests Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Irby & David. Visitors in this home in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dean and Lynn and Tommy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Drinkard, Mary Beth and Lee visited Mrs. Drinkard's grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Rogers in Viola, Tenn. for a few days last week. They returned Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nash are the proud parents of a baby girl, Brandy Lynn, born August 16th.

Mrs. Faye Weston and Janet visited Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher Sunday evening.

On August 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington and Mark and Mrs. A. W. Covington attended the drama, "Oliver" at Southside Community College in Keysville, Va. where Walker Covington was in the cast of characters.

Livestock Drought Water Plan Announced

"Reports reaching my office indicate that water for livestock in the field and pasture area is in short supply in two-thirds of the state," Commissioner S. Mason Carbaugh of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce reported today. "Water is fast becoming one of the most critical areas for dairy and livestock farmers as the worsening situation finds almost the entire state now suffering from drought conditions."

He said the Department has developed an emergency plan for those farmers who do run out of water for their essential stock needs.

Farmers should first contact their local director of coordinator of emergency services or local county officials. If local help is not available the farmer should then call the VDAC emergency toll-free number (1-800-552-3839). The Department will then coordinate the farmer's need with the State Office of Emergency Services to see that the necessary water is obtained.

The Commissioner urged farmes who have had crop losses to make application to their local ASCS office in the event the amendment to the Farm Bill is passed that will provide assistance based on acreage planted rather than acreage allotment. The local ASCS office are ready to accept these applications.

"Although Federal assistance programs have been very helpful to many Virginia farmers," said the Commissioner, "unfortunately those now available are not sufficient to help the farmer cover all his monitary losses. And of course there is no way that production losses suffered can be replaced."

The Commissioner also announced that permits to exceed Virginia's single and tandem weight limits for trucks and tractor-trailer combinations are now available for farmers who are having to transport corn silage to feed thier livestock. The permits allow a maximum single axle weight of 24,000 pounds and a tandem axle weight of 40,000 pounds and also allow travel at night and on weekends.

These permits are available at all Highway Department Residency Offices, District Offices and the Richmond Permit Office. There will be no charge for the permits.

"The worsening situation does have one bright spot," said the Commissioner, "and that is the efforts of local people all across the commonwealth working together to assist the farmers with these drought related problems. Lending institutions, federal agencies, local governments, farmers organizations, and Virginia Tech are all offering whatever services they have to meet the needs of this present situation. Only by working together and trying to find answers to problems as fast as they arise can we hope to salvage as much as possible from the worst drought Virginia farmer's have suffered in years."

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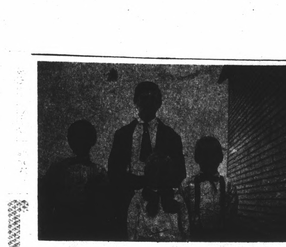

Jessie Baldwin, the tall one in back is shown with family members, Vevadell, Claude, Sam and Ed, taken QUITE some time ago.

J. A. Baldwin, No Ordinary Man!

F. Paulette

(Note: J. A. Baldwin, owner of the Baldwin Manufacturing Company of Kearney, Nebraska, lived for several years as a teenager in the Piney Ridge area of the county, near Pamplin. He still has relatives living in that vicinity, one of whom is Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, living in the town of Pamplin. Mrs. Baldwin's late husband, Sam Baldwin, was a brother of J. A. Baldwin. We are indebted to the Midlands Business Journal for the information for this article.)

When a man can say, following the tragic, accidental deaths of his son and son-in-law, "Tragedy has made me a better person . . ." you know instinctively, he must be a very unusual man. He is. The Baldwin business cards are headlined with this statement, "This company is built on faith." The company postage meter stamps on each piece of mail these words: "With faith in God, all things are possible."

Eighty-one year old Jesse Anthony Baldwin, energetic, dynamic, owner of Baldwin Manufacturing Company, which manufactures oil, fuel, and air filters, left the farm on which he was born in Wisconsin at the age of 13. Moving to Virginia, he lived in the Piney Ridge area near Pamplin for several years.

After the move to Virginia, he worked for the railroad, fixing bridges, culverts, and did electrical work. He even toyed with the idea of becoming a violinist, but couldn't play!

Baldwin began his business with a one-room factory in Ashland, Wisconsin, designing and selling filters. He had first designed and installed a filter on his own car in 1931.

The Baldwin Manufacturing Company had sales of $24 million in 1976. They sell to all foreign countries except those behind the Iron Curtain.

A man of 81 years who remains as active as Baldwin, is a bit unusual; add to this the fact that he drives a $23,000.00 Silver Ferrari (12 cylinder) This is the sixth Ferrari that he has owned. Although he has been invited to race several times by Enzo Ferrari (some of Ferrari's cars used Baldwin filters), he firmly refuses to go. He has had friends who have gone abroad and have become ill and died before returning. He recently replaced his Cessna 421 with a Turbojet.

You would probably be surprised, should you have occasion to visit Baldwin's office, for there might be three large German Shepard dogs (oh, 'scuse me, friends is a better word!) stretched out comfortably on the office floor. When not visiting in the office of their master, they spend their time in a run outside of the Kearney plant.

The most unusual thing about this man and his business is his chapel. That's right, I said chapel! It is a 500 seat chapel near the front of the building, walnut panelled, a cross that Mr. Baldwin designed himself and an organ. Twice a day there are 10 minute services of song, prayer and a "thought for the day" by employees.

Even though he quit school at the early age of 13, he proudly wears a tie clasp proclaiming him a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

On his own business cards, Matt.17:20 echoes his belief: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing shall be impossible unto you."

J. A. Baldwin . . . no ordinary man, no sir!

ROCKS

ROCKS - Aug. 15 - So glad of the wonderful rain Saturday afternoon.

Back to school and college time will soon be in progress again.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Elder of Texas spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Ollie Elder of Pamplin.

Sarah Hamlin returned home on Thursday from the hospital.

Many participated in the creative worhsip team last week. It was a wonderful experience for those who attended.

The club had it s family picnic on Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson. Between 50 and 55 were present. A number of visitors attended. So glad to have our first agent, Mrs. Ella Anderson with us as well as the others.

Mrs. Kate Dinkins spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge.

Glad to hear Grace Cobbs of Pamplin is back at her home from the hospital.

Mrs. Edna Covington returned home Thursday after a few days in the hospital undergoing many tests.

Mary Helen McLaughlin of Appomattox spent Friday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McLaughlin of Pamplin.

Gail and Scottie Taylor left Saturday for their home in Davenport, Iowa after visiting last week with Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Taylor.

Cassie Baldwin attended the wedding of her cousin, J. Nat Wilkerson, Jr. and Donna Louise Ford at Prospect Saturday afternoon.

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Publications Prepared To Help Virginia Farmers Cope With Drought

BLACKSBURG- A number of publications to help Virginia farmers cope with deepening drought conditions have been prepared by various departments of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech. Copies are available from local Extension agents.

Among departments contributing is the agricultural economics department with information comparing selling a beef cow herd and buying back versus keeping the present herd and buying feed, value of drought stricken corn silage, alternatives for the corn grain farmer, and relative value of various feeds for beef cattle.

The forage testing laboratory has prepared information on nitrate poisoning, and on drought corn silage and silage additives.

The animal science department has prepared a hay feeding guide for wintering beef cows, and information on cattle and sheep care in a drought, getting cattle through the winter, feeding broiler litter to beef cattle and sheep, and least-cost measures for beef producers under drought conditions.

Agronomists at Tech have listed management suggestions for drought areas, winter annuals for grazing, reseeding clover and grasses with minimum tillage, and tall fescue for winter grazing.

Agricultural engineers tell how to reduce hay feeding losses, how to irrigate field corn, and trickle irrigation for fruit trees.

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